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# SMOKING-

## WHOSE FAULT IS IT??

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**"Freedom should be seen not as the freedom of manufacturer to promote a known health hazard, but rather as the freedom and ability of society to implement public health measures."**

*World Health Organization*

*by Jimmy Poon*

**The Problem**

Tobacco kills people in a tragic and unpredictable manner.

Every year in Canada, 32 thousand smokers die from the effects of tobacco. On top of this, second-hand smoking kills 500 innocent non-smokers annually. Evidence also suggests that the average smokers cut eight years off his/her life.

Over 33 thousand studies have proven that smoking causes death from the late 20's onwards. There is no doubt about the cancer — causing potential of tobacco because the connection between lung cancer, heart disease and smoking is based on statistical studies. Researchers have pointed out that 90 per cent of lung cancer is fatal.

**Smokers and Non-smokers**

"We are not against smokers because we don't think it is a smoker's fault for him to smoke," explains Heather Morgan, a lobbyist at the *Non-Smokers' Rights Association* (NSRA).

The NSRA is a national non-profit environmental health organization. Aside from representing and protecting the rights of non-smokers, the NSRA aims at providing the public with the correct information about smoking.

"Our primary goal is to use the media to get our message through - We want the people to know smoking is a health problem," says Morgan.

Morgan believes that smokers and non-smokers are alike. "Generally about 80 per cent of smokers and non-smokers are favorable to restriction of smoking in working and public places," says Morgan. She points out that some smokers started smoking because they were not provided with the right information.

According to the *National Institute of Drug Abuse*, the addiction of nicotine is comparable to heroin. A majority of smokers think that they would quit smoking if they developed a serious disease. Unfortunately, most of the smoking-related diseases have an even more serious outlook than what the victims have expected.

40 per cent of the people who have coronary heart disease do not survive their first attack and more than 90 per cent of lung cancer patients die within five years.

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# medium II Perspective

## On the nickel and dime system of financial aid

It is time for our government to get it's act together. Universities need money -- not grants or bursaries, but real dollars. Sums of money to purchase computers or to renew a journal subscription are all well and good, but these are bandaid solutions. They help only in the short run.

The reason that this issue comes to mind is that referendum season is almost upon us. We are approaching that beloved season of student politicking and societies asking for more money. This should cause some serious thinking on the part of concerned students.

It is not that these organizations do not need additional funds, for they most certainly do. The problem is that a few dollars here and a couple of dollars there does not increase the financial resources of an organization, they only allow it to scrape by for another year. This is not good enough.

When it comes right down to it, the government that we elected needs to funnel some cold, hard cash in large amounts into education.

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## LETTERS

### BUMP TRIPS STUDENTS

As I enter the North entrance of the campus every morning I find particularly appalling a small yellow strip of cement across the road disaffectionately known as a "speed bump".

Interestingly, the more speed you procure as you cross this "bump", the less of a "bump" you feel. However, I always see people drive in the entrance - speed up, and then come to a virtual crawl to go across the speed bump.

Is the intent of a "speed bump" then to speed up traffic or to snarl our efforts at effectively motoring the inroads to our educational institution ?

As putting in "speed bumps" is entirely an Erindale College bureaucratic decision, I would suggest the latter. Erindale bureaucracy has a particular way of tripping up anyone who chooses the fast lane.

Ted Morandin

### DRUGS vs. FREE CHOICE

I for one, wish to applaud the recent article concerning cannibis use. It is high time people were made fully aware of the dangers involved when using this insidious drug. I can only hope that this article is to be the first of many. There are numerous other substances that affect the individual when consumed and the more written about them the better able we will all be to resist any temptation. The public needs to be instructed about the dangers of alcohol, caffeine, nicotine as well as other "substances" usually not thought of when one considers "drugs". I am talking about television, movies, books, pollution, sports, Commerce, Mars, Descartes, mindless partying, mindless music, etc. As you see, the list is extensive and vice ridden. We, the caring members of society cannot allow people to do things of their own free will anymore! It is clear to this citizen that we need to prosecute all those who wish to do things that only affect themselves so they can become useful, right thinking members of society. Remember, free choice only leads to problems.

Rob Druery

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Sat urday, February 7 11-1 p.m. There is no charge for these workships which are being co-sponsored by the TLC and Erindale College Library.

## NOTICES

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When next in the library, pick up a copy of the "Spring Hours" sheet. This shows the Library's augmented hours provided through the Student Enhancement Fund. As well, the library has sign-up sheets at the Info Desk for free one-hour sessions being given on Wordstar, Wordperfect and Lotus.

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# DUCK BEER PRICES INCREASE $0.65 IN 2 YEARS

*by Steve Satchel*

It is a centre of camraderie, co-operation, craziness, Coors, and now, controversy. Just who does control the Blind Duck ?

Although the Pub is student-owned, it is still run primarily as a business rather than a service. While a bottle of beer costs $1.50 at the SAC pub downtown, it costs $2.15 at the Blind Duck; an increase of $0.65 since 1983/84.

That is a situation that Richard Gray, VP Administration at ECSU, calls "tragic".

"Costs have gone up, but a $0.65 increase in two years is far too high," he said.

In fact, a severty-two per cent profit is made on every bottle of beer sold.

Many cite the fact that the Blind Duck offers a full-restaurant service, unlike other University pubs, and as a consequence, requires higher beer prices. Yet, a gross profit of $43,420 was made on food sales alone last year.

Sales of bottled beer totalled $134,555, almost half of the $327,997 in sales.

Overall, however, the Blind Duck managed to have a net loss of $4,632.

On the expense side, among other things, were $137,893 for salaries, $13,849 for repairs and maintenance, a $1,597 telephone bill and a payment to the Administration of $13,250, according to the Blind Duck's statement of operations.

Despite the fact that the Blind Duck looks after its own repairs and maintenance, the Administration claimed to spend an additional $4,472 for such services. It also managed to spend $15,502 in "administration" for a student owned, operated and funded pub.

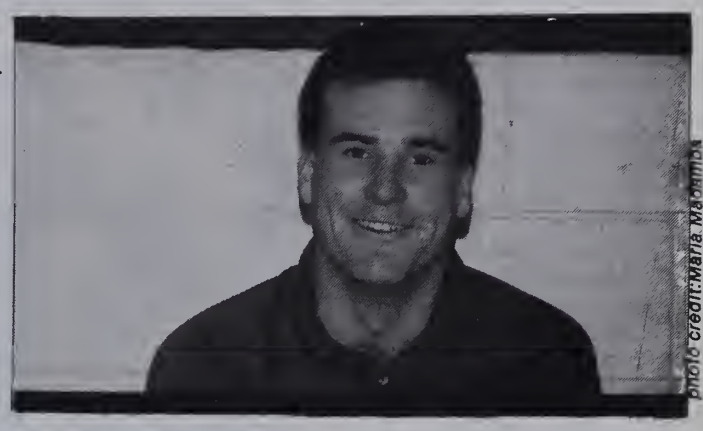
Due to a complicated formula called the "College Recovery Overhead Mechanism", the Duck only had to pay $13,250 of the $24,430 that the Administration claimed to spend on the pub. Dean Brooks, Vice-Principal Administration could not be reached for comment.

The management board for the Blind Duck consists of Uwe Stoetzel, Pub manager and non-voting member, two principal appointees, Dallas Lowe and Professor Phil Pointing, two student representatives; ECSU President Al Smith and VP Finance John David, as well as Ed Scarlett, a representative of food services, appointed by downtown Administration. That means student representatives, of a pub owned by students, are a minority.

"Personally, I'd like to see higher student representation on the board," said Mr. Gray, a former student board member. Mr Gray added that he thought the administration had too much control.

Mr. Gray and Mr. David worked out a proposal last year to have cheaper rates for student clubs and associations who bought alcohol from the Pub for their own independent functions. Due to pressure from the board, Mr. Scarlett set a small working group to study the proposal. However, Mr. Gray said the result was "very watered down."

"Before I got elected, I thought it was ECSU business and we could make changes. I learned quickly that there are certain things, often for legitimate resons, that you can't change," said Mr. Gray. Mr David concurs. "Last year we were thwarted in our efforts to manage the pub," he said. "We tried to do too much."



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***"Tragic":*** V.P Administration, Mr. Richard Gray about beer prices.

"We caused some of our own problems last year because we listened to friends when we should have told management to solve the problems," said Mr. David. Mr. David also said that he feels ECSU tried to be too involved on a day-to-day basis and that it is better to keep a "hands off" approach, with the exception of special events, which are the responsibility of the Social Director and ECSU." According to Mr. David, "ECSU has to be mature enough to realize we hire the manager to run the day to day business." That means student complaints should be addressed to the Manager, not ECSU.

Both Mr. Gray and Mr. David, however, believed that pub management has been far more responsive to students this year than it has been in the past.

# ARRESTS MADE AT PUB NIGHT

*by John McMurray*

Last Thursday, January 15, was a busier time than usual for both the Erindale Campus, and the Peel Regional, Police at the College.

Peel Police arrested three students as a result of three separate incidents outside the Blind Duck Pub during the evening.

The worst of these incidents actually occurred early Friday morning at 1:05 a.m.

Charged by the Peel Police, for causing a disturbance and assault with intent to resist arrest, was a University of Guelph student.

The student "tried to assault a Pub employee before the police arrived", said Mr. Opalinski, Manager of Physical and Plant Services.

The Erindale Police were called and the student was placed under arrest.

The man, described by Mr. Opalinski as very large and strong, resisted getting into the police car, and a scuffle ensued.

"The man was too powerful to control", said Mr. Opalinski. "The man struck one constable in the nose and kicked him in the shin", before he could be subdued and handcuffed.

In the scuffle a Pub employee, who had come to the assistance of the officers, had two cuts on his hand as a result of falling on the pavement.

A York University student was also arrested by the Peel Police for causing a disturbance and illegal entry on to private property, at 10:55 p.m.

The student was "apparently quite intoxicated before trying to enter the Pub", Mr. Opalinski said. The student was denied entry by the door man and the student "grabbed the door man and threatened him with violence unless allowed entry," Mr. Opalinski added.

Friends of the student tried to convince him to leave but were unsuccessful. After making threatening gestures and charging at the police, he was taken into custody and handed over to the Peel Police.

Finally, an Erindale student was arrested by Peel Police for creating a public disturbance at 10:25 p.m. last Thursday.

The student, who was waiting in line to gain entrance to the Pub, caused a small fight when

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Are your insurance rates giving you a headache (and taxing your pocketbook)?

Not only car insurance, but almost all insurance premiums in general, have skyrocketed in the past few years.

And, unfortunately, there seems to be no end in sight.

Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations the Hon. Monte Kwinter was at the College last Wednesday (see Carl Cavannah's story in this section), and was asked to explain spiralling insurance rates.

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Mr. Kwinter responded by stating that Ontario's premiums are much higher than the other provinces (especially Manitoba and Saskatchewan, where insurance is a government-run business) because of Ontario's huge population, relatively speaking, and its population concentration.

Statistics show, Mr. Kwinter added, that Ontario has the highest accident rate in the country, and that the chances of getting in an accident are much higher in Ontario than in any other province.

From Mr. Kwinter's argument, I would like to suggest three ways to reduce the insurance premiums of Ontario drivers:

a) develop a policy to move a few million of Ontario's drivers to the Western provinces. This would be a perfect political solution of passing the buck. Ontario's insurance rates would drop substantially, and the Western provinces would have to deal with the problem of high accident rates.

b) reduce the number of drivers in Ontario. Raise the driving age to 21 and lower the driving age to 65 (hey, if they can force you to retire at 65, they can force you to stop driving at 65 as well). The government could also make the driver's test "slightly" more difficult, especially the written part; you know, the one about the rules of the road.

or c) develop a very good system of no-fault insurance, and develop a more complex set of criteria, other than age, sex, and marital status, for assessing insurance rates.

All three suggestions would most likely relieve the pressure of insurance premiums in Ontario. One of them seems much more realistic than the others, don't you think?

NOTE: Speaking of insurance; with the $500 000 deductible on fire insurance in U of T's policy, shouldn't we be making more of an effort to reduce the chances of fire? How about only specific areas for smoking, with added fire protection in these areas? Sprinkler systems and smoke alarm systems should be installed, and any other precaution should be taken.


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## KWINTER VISITS ERINDALE

*by Carl Cavannah*

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Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, the Hon. Monte Kwinter spoke to Erindale students last Wednesday.

On Wednesday, January 14, Ontario's Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, Monte Kwinter, announced that he felt there was a likelihood of a provincial election in June.

Mr Kwinter, who is also Minister of Financial Institutions, was presented by the Liberal Club of Erindale. Mr. Kwinter was introduced by the president of the club, John Erickson, and proceeded to speak to the fifty people assembled in the council chambers.

Subjects covered in his speech ranged from the importance of becoming involved in politics and the varied educations of politicians, to the makeup of the present Liberal cabinet and predictions for the near future in Ontario politics.

Mr. Kwinter emphasized that "the attraction to politics certainly isn't the money", but that it is a decidedly rewarding occupation because one "gets the greatest high [from] the ability to effect change."

As to the topic of free trade, which inevitably came up, Mr.Kwinter asserted that it would not be in the province's best interests. The Atlantic provinces, traditionally Canada's economic hangers-on, are clamouring for free trade while the Ontario Liberals fight against it as Ontario's economy remains healthy without it.

Mr. Kwinter expects a provincial election soon because the pact with the NDP that the Liberals signed, disallowing provincial elections, expires February 28. Mr. Kwinter estimated that with the current popularity of the government, an election at the present time would give the Liberals a huge majority of 80-90 seats.

The Minister pointed out that youth supporters of political parties, like the Erindale Liberal club, are vital because of their, "energy, commitment and interest".

Mr. Kwinter concluded his speech by, once again, emphasizing how rewarding political involvement is at any level, giving a person connections and putting him in good stead for the future.

After his speech Mr. Kwinter fielded a few questions on subjects such as the cost of insurance in Ontario, and the Gharmezian brothers' proposal for an eastern answer to the West Edmonton Mall.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Alumni Meeting

The Erindale Campus Alumni Association will hold a meeting for Association directors and associate directors on Thursday , January 22.

The meeting will be held in the South Building Faculty Club, commencing at 6:30 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting includes discussion of a ski day, the annual retreat, and the 10 year reunion. Call Mary Lynn Stewart at 828-5214 to R.S.V.P.

### Erindale Ski Days!

The Erindale Ski Club presents the first day trip of the year this Friday, January 23, to Mount Saint Louis/Moonstone.

The trip includes a bus ride to and from the ski hill, and a day lift ticket. The price is $18 for ski club members, $22 for non-members. Ski rentals are available for an extra $4.

For those interested in joining the club, there is a $3 membership fee. For memberships and tickets, visit the Athletic Office, room 1114.

### Dr. Scott and Deep Sea Explorations

The Geological Sciences department is presenting a special public lecture on "The World of Jules Verne: Modern Exploration of the Deep Ocean Floor" on Monday, January 26.

The lecture, which starts at 6:00 p.m. in room 2074, will be given by University of Toronto Geology Professor S.D. Scott. Professor Scott will show a film and discuss his deep sea explorations.

### DEDUCTIBLE 10 TO 100 TIMES LARGER THAN OTHER UNIVERSITIES

## ERINDALE FIRE COVERED BY U OF T INSURANCE

*by Trevor Finkbiner*

The University of Toronto is in an unfortunate situation when it comes to fire insurance.

As so many people today are noticing , insurance is increasingly expensive and the options available to the consumer are often limited when it comes to high risk areas.

The University of Toronto is currently carrying a deductible of $500,000 on their fire casualty insurance. This means that the first $500,000 worth of damage caused in any particular fire on University premises must be borne by the University itself.

In the case of the recent fire in the women's sauna at Erindale College, the full $25,000 damage estimate will be paid by the University, and not insurance underwriters.

Eric Flemming of the University Business Services, involved in University insurance, indicated that the high deductible reflected the University's high risk.

Many U of T buildings, particularly those on the St. George campus, are old and have not been equipped with sprinkler systems. Insurers are resultantly reluctant to provide insurance and those that are willing require high premiums.

In comparison, Mr. Flemming noted that 90 % of Canadian Universities carry deductibles of between $5,000 and $50,000.

Up until last May, U of T had carried a $250,000 deductible. When the annual renewal occurred the University was given little alternative but accept the $500,000 deductible.

The University protects itself by maintaining a $1 million claims reserve fund. This fund was set up when U of T elected to take a $250,000 deductible, rather than a smaller one, in order to lower premiums. The difference in premium payments was then used to establish the casualty fund.

With $250,000 deductible the fund provided coverage for a maximum of four major catastrophes in a single year. With the current $500,000 deductible, the fund can withstand two major casualties. "While we're not as comfortable with the higher deductible", said Mr. Flemming, "the fund will not be increased."

The good news for Erindale, is that the claims reserve fund will cover the damages resulting from last week's fire.

## THE GOVERNING COUNCIL ELECTION 1987

Nominations close at noon

Prospective candidates for election to the Governing Council are reminded that nomination papers must be filed by **noon on Friday, January 23rd, 1987** at the Governing Council Secretariat, Room 106, Simcoe Hall. Nomination forms and copies of the regulations (Election Guidelines) covering the election are available from the Secretariat in Simcoe Hall or at the Registrars' Offices at Scarborough and Erindale College.

There are vacancies in five teaching staff constituencies and all eight seats in the three student categories. Four of the teaching staff will serve 3-year terms and students will serve 1-year terms, beginning July 1st, 1987. The fifth teaching staff member will serve for 1 year, completing the term of a member who has resigned. All members of Governing Council must be Canadian citizens.

Descriptions of the staff and student constituencies were published in campus newspapers last week. Enquiries for further information or nomination forms should be directed to the Governing Council Secretariat at 978-6576.

## CHEMICAL SYMPOSIUM

On Thursday, January 15, 1987 the annual symposium on early Earth was held at Erindale College.

This year the symposium was entitled "The Origin of Life", and was sponsored by the Erindale Chemistry Society (ECS) and the Toronto Section of the Chemical Institute of Canada (CIC).

Attendance peaked at 75, the audience being comprised of CIC members, staff, graduates, but primarily undergraduates.

Prof. J.T. Wong of the Biochemistry Department discussed the evolution of amino acids, the genetic code, and speculated briefly on the need for a similar type of code for extraterrestrial life.

Prof. U.J. Krull of Chemistry, an amateur astronomer, related the fact that complex organic molecules are found on meteorites, and discussed the implications that the potential for life to start elsewhere exists.

Prof. J. Percy of Astronomy listed the factors that are necessary for life to develop, and presented calculations (according to Drake and Sagan) that show there is a good possibility that life exists elsewhere in the universe. He then related the difficulties of communication with extraterrestrials.

The symposium was followed by lively discussion over wine and cheese.

# IS THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY DECEIVING US?

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**Advertising - Youngsters as targets**

The NSRA considers smoking as an "epidemic" , which is subjected to massive advertising campaigns. Tobacco advertising always purposely conveys a favorable image for the product and hides the harmful effects of smoking.

"The role of advertising in perpetuating the problem is clear. Tobacco advertising is a major factor responsible for recruiting new customers who are mostly adolescents," says Morgan.

According to the NSRA, tens of thousands of children are recruited into smoking each year and the industry spends over $100 million dollars on advertising and promotion annually.

*"The public perception is changing, people are starting to speak out as the media continues to promote the social acceptability of non-smoking."*

Tobacco sales to kids is a big business. This fact can be reflected by ads run by some tobacco companies that seem determined to create a pro-smoking attitude among young people. Recent NSRA calculations based on *Health and Welfare* statistics reveal that "starters" under the age of 18 account for close to $200 million in sales of tobacco each year.

**Tide between the government and the industry**

Not only does tobacco claim the lives of more than 90 Canadians each day, but the tobacco industry is also a direct result of an extra $3 billion. spent on health care programs annually. Despite all the disadvantages caused by the industry, the federal government has not been responding appropriately to the obvious.

In spite of the fact that 32 million Canadians are killed annually by the harmful product, the tobacco industry can still be exempted from the **Hazardous Products Act** and the **Food and Drug Act**.

"There is a real tide between the government and the tobacco companies' heads. They are friends," Morgan says.

Instead of halting the diverging epidemic from spreading further, the "non-legislative" approach taken by the Federal Government to the industry almost seems to have encouraged its growth.

In 1972, a legislative remedy was drafted to end tobacco advertising. However, with the self-regulative **Cigarette and Cigarette Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Code** in hand, the idea of a legislative control was abandoned by the Federal Government. The code (voluntarily proposed by the Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers' Council (CTMC) ) is the industry's attempt to standardize cigarette and cigarette tobacco advertising and promotion in Canada.

**Deception In self-regulation**

Morgan thinks that the voluntary code is nothing but a public fraud. "It certainly isn't a meaningful attempt at self-regulation," says Morgan.

In **A Catalogue of Deception,** an NSRA report for submission to Jake Epp, Minister of Health, the NSRA documented numerous violations of the rules which were suggested in the code by the industry in the first place.

Rule One of the code claims that *"There will be no cigarette or cigarette tobacco advertising on radio or television, nor will such media be used for the promotion of sponsorships of sports or other popular events whether through the use of brand or corporate name or logo."*

*"There is a real tide between the government and the tobacco companies' heads," says Morgan*

In place of the usual channel of advertising, the tobacco industry has moved into the sponsorship of televised sports and cultural events , which will eventually lead to the appearance of brand names and logos on television.

Through this kind of sponsorship , members of the tobacco industry can still make use of the television as an advertising channel, without obviously violating rule one of the code. At the same time, the industry can buy an image associated with health and fitness which otherwise could not be obtained. Worst of all, the tobacco industry continues to make remarks that these sponsorships do not promote smoking.

Rule 11 of the code states, *"No cigarette or cigarette tobacco product will be advertised on billboards located in the immediate vicinity of primary and secondary schools"*,. In reality, tobacco advertising around schools remains a major concern and in fact, the tobacco industry does not show much effort in attempting to adhere to the rule.

*"More than 90 percent of the lung cancer patients die within five years."*

Since membership in the CTMC is purely voluntary, withdrawal of members from the above code is unavoidable . As a result,the government is left with no power in preventing the manufacturers from opting out of the agreement.

**The changing perception**

According to Morgan, smoking is gradually and naturally declining. "The manufacturers now realize the decline and cigarette companies are diversifying in all directions, trying to make up for the cut backs," says Morgan.

Organizations from different fields are also responding favorably to the health-conscious issue. For example, *Air Canada* continues their smoke-free flights between Toronto and Ottawa. Furthermore, the *Toronto Transport Commission* has banned smoking on all property. "The public perception is changing, people are starting to speak out as the media continues to promote the social acceptability of non-smoking," the enthusiastic lobbyist adds.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES IN MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY - UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA**

The Department of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, University of Alberta, invites applications from students wishing to obtain graduate training in the areas of bacterial or viral pathogenesis. Applicants should have a first or upper second class honours degree in microbiology, biochemistry or related discipline. Interim financial support in the form of graduate assistantships ($10,000 per annum) is available for highly qualified applicants, who are encouraged to apply for extramural funding through the studentship award ($12,450 per annum) programs of the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research and the Medical Research Council of Canada. Applicants with studentship awards are eligible for a $2,500 per annum research allowance from the AHFMR. In addition, applicants with MRC studentship awards are eligible for a $2,000 per annum Graduate Faculty Fellowship. Exceptionally qualified students from outside Alberta are also eligible for a one-time award of $5,000 plus fees from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.

Please request application forms and additional information from Dr. M. Wohllebe, Department of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta. T6G 2H7.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## ERINDALE THEATRE WILL KEEP OUR CAMPUS ENTERTAINED

*by Andrea Tavchar*

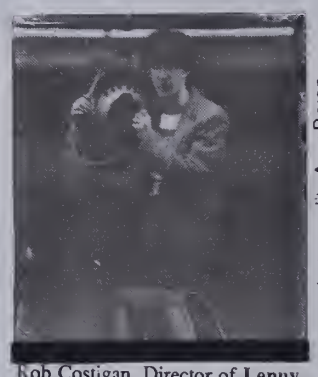
Erindale theatre will be embarking on a "season of exploration" in the new term. Rob Costigan opens Erindale theatre's second term with his production of **Lenny** by Julian Barry. It will run during the first two weekends in February (5,6,7 and 12,13,14). This is a controversial account of the life of stand-up comedian Lenny Bruce and it is a daring undertaking on behalf of Costigan. This production will be followed up by Claire Peters, who will put on **The False Messiah** by Rick Salutin. This is an experimental Canadian play. Auditions will be held January 21 and 23. Later in the season, Ronnie Brown will be directing an original collection of comic sketches. It is tentatively scheduled for March 19, 20 and 21.

Rob Costigan, the director of **Lenny**, explains that the play is a dramatic version of the life story of the stand-up comedian, Lenny Bruce who was popular in the Fifties. The actual play is mostly a compilation of Lenny's material put into dramatic form. Much of the content is considered obscene, but this is the language of Lenny Bruce. He was making a point about breaking down pretenses. As Costigan says, "It may be vulgar, but at least its honest".

Because the play is set in a nightclub, a jazz trio is included among the cast, in order to add to the overall feel of the play. The setting for **Lenny** is avant-garde. Costigan places the audience in the center of the theatre and surrounds them with the sets. This forces the audience to become more involved in the production.

***Costigan defends the unorthodoxies of the play....***

Costigan defends the unorthodoxies of the play by claiming that as long as the production is well done, people will accept it. He defends the obscenities by believing that the humanity in the play will make it easier for people to accept. According to Costigan the play has "some really brutal moments and some really tender moments". This makes more people able to relate to its its obscurities.



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Rob Costigan, Director of Lenny

There are sixty-four characters in the play. The auditions for Lenny went well but there was a strain put on the Erindale theatre community to fill the eleven required roles for the play, considering the fact that so many people devoted so much time and energy to **The Taming of the Shrew.** Costigan commends **The Shrew** production on its enthusiasm and on its overall ability to attract attention to Erindale Theatre, because there was not a lot of theatre activity happening at Erindale. Costigan hopes that the success that **The Shrew** had in the publicity department will be of help to the productions held this term.

Costigan justifies his decision to do this particular production because university gives you the chance to do something different. According to Costigan, "there are no boundaries for university theatre that normally exist for commercial theatre".

***"university gives you the chance to do something different"***

In terms of the actual work, Costigan sees the entire premise surrounding **Lenny** as interesting, because it is the reshaping of a dramatic work, using the words of Lenny Bruce. Always interested in stand-up comedians, Costigan finds this of particular interest because of the nature of the production and the impact which this particular play necessitates. "An epic production keeps you fascinated", Costigan assures.

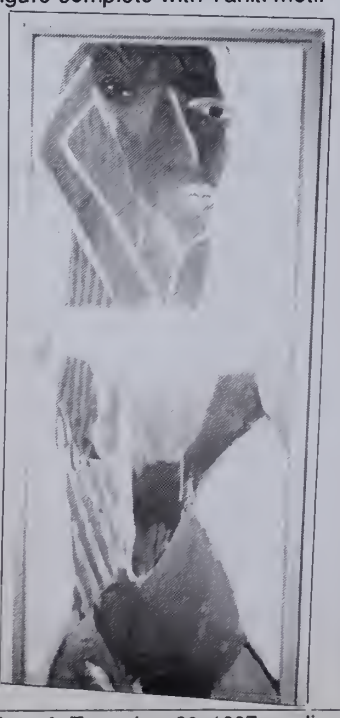
The theme itself, which deals with censorship and the crushing of free speech, is significant today, even though the play focuses on the Fifties generation. Costigan sees a parallel running between the Fifties and the Eighties, because "both represent prosperous times and people losing a sense for what is really important. Hopefully, this parallel will be obvious to people, and help them to make sense of the play". This is desirable in light of the many social, cultural and political references made in the play , to the Fifties. In an effort to emphasize the importance of the play Costigan concludes by saying that "because we live in Ontario and have to deal with the censor board here, it should be a play of special interest to us".

# BIBBY EXHIBIT AT ERINDALE GALLERY

*by Amy Bryan and Calvin Scott*

Starting this week there will be a series of articles on art in the Erindale and Metro Toronto areas, covering both major and local exhibitions. This week we will start off with the gallery exhibit of Ian Bibby's work, in the South Building .

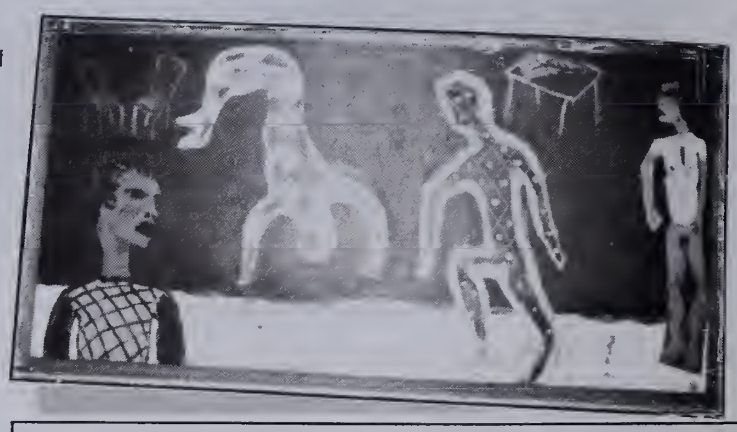
The exhibit consists of approximately 16 of the local artist's paintings, covering a variety of subjects ranging from sexuality to more symbolic subjects. In particular, his painting "Love is a Virgin" is Gauguin-esque with a seated figure complete with Tahiti motif (nudes in the background).



Other works are derivative of turn-of-the-century masters, such as Matisse, from whom he has borrowed his colour scheme and even some motifs. Other styles included belong to painters such as Ensor and Picasso. Bibby uses Picasso's cubism (a shifted space approach) to give his work some of the same qualities as the primitive art that inspired Picasso himself.

Erindale students were approached for their opinions on the exhibit. A hopeful psychologist, Keith Shepherd, said; "A lot of it is hard to figure out, it's modern art. There is no common theme as a whole. A lot of the paintings make harsh statements." So, as not to be biased, a commerce student was questioned. He had a rather negative feeling about the exhibit as a whole, stating: "Terrible, the money they want. Lower the prices or you'll never get rid of them." He much preferred some of the other exhibits that have been shown at the gallery. Although, he did admire one piece in particular, "Alex - A Late Memorial".

Overall, the work was found to be competent in its execution of the style but lacking in original ideas. Furthermore, the show seemed to condense too much work into too little space. A single theme would have offered more coherence and would have made it a more comprehensive exhibit.



***Two pieces of Ian Bibby's work on display at Erindale Gallery until the end of January.***

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# CFRE PLAYLIST

for the week of January 13-20, 1987

| | Artist | Album | Label |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | R.E.M. | Life's Rich Pageant | I.R.S |
| 2. | Peter Gabriel | So | Geffen |
| 3. | Eurythmics | Revenge | R.C.A. |
| 4. | Human League | Crash | Virgin |
| 5. | General Public | Hand to Mouth | I.R.S. |
| 6. | Pretenders | Get Close | Sire |
| 7. | Paul Simon | Graceland | Warner Bros. |
| 8. | Kate Bush | The Whole Story | Epic |
| *9. | Vital Signs | Big Dark Dream | Fringe |
| 10. | Genesis | Invisible Touch | Atlantic |
| 11. | It's Immaterial | Life's Hard and Then You Die | Virgin |
| 12. | New Order | Brotherhood | Factory |
| *13. | Pursuit of Happiness | I'm An Adult Now - EP | Independent |
| 14. | The Smiths | Ask - EP | Rough Trade |
| 15. | Peter Murphy | If the World Fails to Fall Apart | Vertigo |
| *16. | Grapes of Wrath | September Bowl of Green | Nettwerk |
| *17. | Bambi | Rock On | Independent |
| 18. | Iggy Pop | Blah, Blah, Blah | A + M |
| *19. | Partland Bros. | Electric Honey | Capitol |
| 20. | Julian Cope | World Shut Your Mouth - EP | Island |

*denotes Canadian

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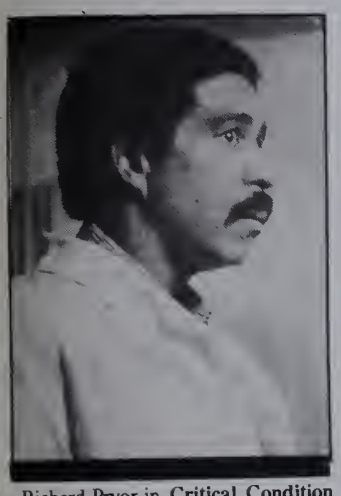
This week's list compiled by Corrine.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## FORGET PRYOR, GET MORE LAUGHS AT PREVIEW



Richard Pryor in Critical Condition

*by Andrew Hempel*

Richard Pryor's new movie is **Critical Condition**, but it should be in intensive care. This comedy does not give you many good chuckles. In fact, if you want to laugh, go to the movie just to see the preview of **Beverly Hills Cop II**.

Pryor plays an engaging con man who is caught in a sting operation. He is sentenced to prison with the loan shark he went to see about investing in a Cineplex Theatre complex. This brought a good laugh from the audience, albeit inadvertently, for the movie is distributed by Famous Players. To avoid the pain and punishment of prison life, he devises a plan to seek psychiatric care. Upon convincing the judge, he is now faced with convincing the doctors at a hospital outside of New York. He becomes the leader of the psycho inmates, who include a man who thinks he is a dog and a boxer (Randall Tex Cobb) who thinks he is a black man. If you have ever seen Cobb fight, you will realize that he did not need to act for this role. He does a good job convincing people he is crazy.

The hospital is run by Chambers, a penny-pinching administrator, played by Tony Award-winner, Joe Mantegna He is cold and ruthless in his pursuit of saving a buck. His assistant, played by Sylvia Miles, is the exact opposite. She shows flexibility and has faith in human nature. When Chambers threatens to take Pryor to prison because he is not really nuts, the power goes out due to an electrical storm, and the hospital is turned upside down.

Aided by Louis, the chief orderly (played by Ruben Blades), Pryor escapes. So does a killer. In the meantime, Chambers is taken hostage by the entire psycho ward. Pryor is then mistaken for the new doctor. In his efforts to convince the staff that he is genuine, Pryor's comical talents emerge. Only hindrance to Pryor is Dr. Fraught, played very well by Bob Dishy. He is, without a doubt, one of the reasons the movie is not a complete loss. Another saviour of the film is Garrett Morris, of SNL fame, who plays an ex-Vietnam vet junkie that is put to work by Pryor. The funnier scenes in the movie have him in them and he steals

## CASE THROWS VIDEO PARTY

*by Andrew Ahonen*

Another swingin' posh affair at Erindale occurred last Friday. This time it was the CASE video party. Students each paid between four and five dollars to dance away the evening in Speigal Hall (otherwise known as the South Building cafeteria). The cafe was transformed into a disco complete with spinning disco balls, lights, a giant T.V. screen, and a respectable sound system.

The crowd was well-behaved and consisted of about 112 females and 71 males. Lisa, a first year resident student with blond hair, had one beer. At first she had "nothing to say", but then loosened up and offered me some of her beer and told me that she wanted to be a physiotherapist. Lisa is only about 5'3", but she still managed to have a good time. At the end of the evening she confessed that the video party "was great because they played Billy Idol and Glass Tiger". Her friend Nadine is a science student with secret dreams of becoming a cartoonist. She agreed with Lisa and said "it was fun". Nadine did not drink any beer and is about four inches taller than Lisa. One of the more enthusiastic students, Al "Bond" (otherwise known as Alan Van Horne), said that he turned down a date with a seventeen year-old co-worker from K-mart in order to attend the video party. He said he had "one hell of a good time". Al is about 6'2" and while rarely leaving the dance floor, managed to drink about eleven beers.

Various prizes were given out during the evening and Carl Cavannah, the Medium II's own record reviewer, won a ski pass to Horseshoe Valley. But the climax of the evening was when AC DC's song, "You Shook Me All Night Long" was played. After this, the crowd slowly departed, going back to their own humdrum existence.

## POLICE ARREST THREE

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he accosted an escorted woman in the line-up.

The man was intoxicated, "and quite boisterous", Mr. Opalinski said.

At press time, the names of the three students had been witheld.


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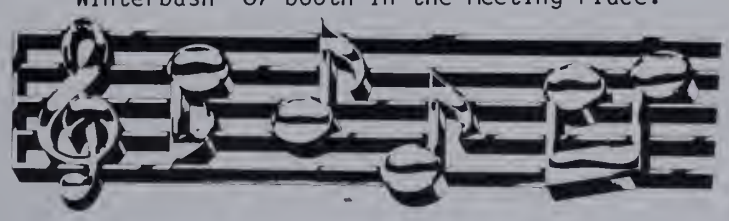

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# SPORTS

# BALL HOCKEY ROUND-UP: RAIDERS #1

*by Glenn Moore, Bruce Seago, Mark Cummings, Stuart Hunter , Anthony Koves and Doug Houghton*

Referee Bill Bolland drops the ball and keeps an watchful eye on the play in action between the Animals and The Defenders of the Faith. The Animals went to win the game 6-1.

A Defender of the Faith forward tries to control the ball on a break up the floor.

*Photo Credit: Amy Bryan*

**Clancy Conference**

**Lee Division**

In week one action, the Rez Wings were flying high in the first half of their game, but were shot down as the Reds pulled out a 3-3 tie. Zola Returned but didn't go far as they choked No Sed Stranglers, 6-5. Rounding out the action, Plumb Bobs tied Amazing Thumpers 2-2. In week two action, the Wingnuts looked less than impressive in their debut, but managed a 7-4 victory over the No Sed Stranglers. Also, the Rez Wings dumped Amazing Thumpers 3-1. The Plumb Bobs and Reds face-offed in a sister kisser, 2-2. The Plumb Bobs remained undefeated by downing Zola 5-4.

**Pearson Division**

Out in the pen, the Screaming Sheep tamed the Animals 9-8. In week two, another powerhouse, Members Only, put in a lacklustre performance and ran into a hot goalie, but still managed to pick up a 3-2 victory over Moscow Dynamo. The Animals recovered from their earlier loss for a 6-1 win over Defenders of the Faith. And finally, a good team had an impressive debut as B.C. sheared the Screaming Sheep, 7-1.

**Ballard Conference**

**Robb Division**

In week one action, Meat & Co. showed no sign of letting up from last year as they demolished Acme Wrecking, 15-0. Also picking up from where they left off last year, Soon To Be Dropouts made the road trip to Bedrock to face the Boulders. STBD came away from the quarry with a 13-0 Bam-Bam over the Boulders. Damage Inc. had visions of beating the Dream Team but had to settle for a 3-3 tie. In week two action, the two top teams kept right on rolling as Meat & Co. made rubble of the Bedrock Boulders 9-2 and STBD took the wrecking ball to Damage Inc. in a 6-2 win.

**French Division**

The Chernobyl Dynamo fizzled as they lost to the Stallions 3-2. The Raiders showed they are a team to contend with as they beat In Like Flynn, who were never quite in, 9-2. In week two, the Chernobyl Dynamo continued their early season melt down as they were swamped by the born again Raiders, 11-2. In other action, the Stallions smoked the Dubie Bros. 5-3 and In Like Flynn cooked the Headless Chickens, 5-4.

***Game of the Week*** - RBZ 5; Headless Chickens 5

In the game of the week, the Headless Chickens shocked formerly sixth ranked RBZ in a 5-5 tie. The Chickens were led by Keith Warren with the hat trick and Chris Morrison tallied a pair. Not to be outdone, Barry Kolari of RBZ also netted a hat trick with D. O'Leary and A. Koutrouliotis adding singles. RBZ faithful, Steve Bennett had this to say,"the Chickens kept us couped up in our end and with the crowd egging them on, they were tough." Look for next week's game of the week between Members Only and the Animals, Thursday at 11 A.M.

**Conglomerate Top Ten**

1. Raiders
2. Meat & Co.
3. Soon To Be Dropouts
4. Wingnuts
5. Members Only
6. Stallions
7. Rez Wings
8. B.C.
9. Plumb Bobs
10. RBZ

**Greg Stevens' "Weekspot"** - lowest save percentage

**Best Goalie Pads**

Andy Pappas -Zola - Who killed the couch ?

**Latest Christmas Gift**

Danny Fadagatti - Reds - Scoring from his own end in the dying seconds.

**Quote of the Week:** Hayden Northly - Raiders

"Wingnuts look good on paper, but we don't play on paper."

# WARRIORS LOSS HURTS PLAYOFF DRIVE

*by Stuart Hunter*

The Men's Division I hockey team continued its inconsistent ways last Tuesday evening suffering a humiliating 4-3 defeat at the hands of New College.

The demoralizing loss moved the Warrior's record to 5-4-1 (win-loss-tie) and has jeopardized the team's playoff chances.

Captain Dino "Swervyn" Mavrou, Steve Yakimoff and Brian "Practise Starts at 6 A.M." Vukusic scored for the Warriors.

The team squandered a veritable plethora of scoring opportunities throughout the game. If it were not for the solid goaltending of Larry "Tynman" Tyndall, the score could easily have been 5-3, 6-3 or even 7-3 (but not 8-3 or 9-3).

The sole bright spot during the game was the final buzzer. However, this was also spoiled by the fact that New had scored the winning goal only four seconds earlier.

According to veteran winger Richard Loek, "This was a rather dull, spiritless, sluggish, lethargic, dim, stale, lackluster, annoying, lifeless (get the idea ?) game."

Loek later stated that his obvious displeasure with the Warriors' effort was overshadowed only by his discovery that he knew so many adjectives to take the place of "boring".

"You can't tell me hockey isn't a cultural experience", said an adamant Loek.

Warrior manager Kevin "Rasta Mason" McCallum summed the game up succinctly when he said, "Dis damn shame mon. Dis damn fine team. But we be short both de players and jah's spirit tonight. Either dat or de players be asleep mon - de have to be !"

Coach Dan "Frito Bandito" Barrett offered another explanation of the team's poor effort, "I knew I shouldn't have given the team last year's Fritos after the last game. It seems that the monosodium glutamate slowed both their legs and brains. Yet, it could also be the case that New spoiled my junk-food stash again. God only knows what they have put in the Joe-Louis! Have those guys no sense of humanitarianism ?"

Regardless of last week's efforts, the Warriors look forward to their upcoming road trip and participation in the annual S.P.A.D tournament in Sudbury.

All team members welcome the brief sabbatical, during which they can enjoy the northland's crisp air, fresh water and splendid scenery. Furthermore, they plan to both scale the infamous "Big Nickel" and return with the tournament's championship trophy for the Erindale Athletic trophy case.